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1. When C) was here last he asked the writer to send () a resume of the current situation existing between HTNEIGH and the Italians. According to C), () is interested in this matter as a result of a remark Henry R. Malament stated was made to him by an official of the Italian Foreign Affairs Ministry. That statement, it will be recalled, was to the effect that the Italians would be pleased if HTNEIGH would take its activities a bit deeper underground.

2. When reported by Malament this statement did not disturb the writer greatly. First, because the Italians have maintained a certain unofficial liaison with C) on matters concerning HTNEIGH and had made no complaint to him. Second, because at the time the statement was made to Malament, it was no secret that HTNEIGH was in session in Rome to consider broadening its body to include, among others, certain elements friendly toward the Italians. It was, therefore, C)'s belief that said Italian official was practicing a bit of Italian diplomacy on Malament, thereby hoping to exert pressure on HTNEIGH to take a favorable decision on the matter of HTNEIGH broadening.

3. Thus, it is the writer's belief that there is no cause for alarm insofar as HTNEIGH's operational activities in Italy are concerned. It must be assumed that the Italians are aware of the day-to-day operations being conducted by the KMWAAHOOS, and while they may not be entirely in sympathy with the political conduct of HTNEIGH members, it is unlikely they would single out HTNEIGH activities when it is a well known fact that other groups, both from this side and the other side of the Iron Curtain, conduct similar activities from Italian soil. The writer is referring to the LCKNIGHT Committee, the International Peasants' Union, the Italian-KMWAAHOO Society, and the Communist group which publishes a periodical called "The Liberal Arts".

4. In the writer's opinion, the real danger to HTNEIGH at the moment appears to be a desire on the part of certain Italians to strengthen their ties with the Committee. For example, this 28 November the director of Radio Rome invited HTNEIGH to participate in a Rome radio broadcast to KMWAAHOO. RNLUMPT and C) instructed HTNEIGH to decline on the grounds that both HTNEIGH and the Italian government could be damaged by such an activity, since it would play directly into the hands of the opposition which has made claims in the past that HTNEIGH is made up of Fascists collaborating with the Italian government.

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5. The Italian Foreign Ministry has also made a number of friendly gestures toward HTNEIGH, such as keeping () informed through HTNEIGH cut-outs about certain affairs, some of interest to KMWAAHOOS, some of little or no interest to either the KMWAAHOOS or ourselves. Examples:

() Secretary of XNMALEDICT, has a private secretary who has a brother residing in Zagreb who wishes to come to Italy; the Italians have made it difficult for him to gain entry. Through a cut-out () they have kept () advised with regard to the efforts of the Zagreb gentleman to gain entry.

Not long ago the Italians impounded a KMWAAHOO boat at Brindisi. It was claimed that this boat belonged to Italian owners and was being legally repossessed. Again, through (), the Italians informed HTNEIGH and () of this situation, hinting that they would not like the matter publicized because it might lead to a diplomatic break with LYCEUM.

6. The writer cites these examples because BGFRIEND's primary concern, as he sees it, would be a logical attempt on the part of the Italians to become favorably associated with HTNEIGH and its ZRCROWN-PEPRIME backers.

7. In any event, ()' suggestion (relayed by () that HTNEIGH activities be conducted in a middle-of-the-road manner so as not to antagonize or sharpen the Italians' interest in HTNEIGH seems very much in order under the circumstances, and he may be sure that every precaution will be taken by Gallogly to follow these lines in directing HTNEIGH activities.

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